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RAJYA SABHA

CMs Conference for More Powers to States

2535. SHRI V.P. DURAISAMY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to convene a separate conference of the Chief Ministers to study the issue of autonomy and devolution of powers to all the States on the basis of the Sarkaria Commission Report, in the near future; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) The recommendations of the Sarkaria Commission are already under consideration by the inter-State Council. Out of 247 recommendations of the Sarkaria Commission, the Council has taken decision on 171 recommendations. The remaining recommendations are to be placed before the Inter-State Council in its next meeting(s).

The Chief Ministers of all States and Administrators of the Union Territories are the members of the Inter-State Council. As such, there is no proposal to convene a separate conference of the Chief Ministers to discuss the issue of autonomy and devolution of powers to the States on the basis of the Sarkaria Commission Report.

Feasible Economic Strategy for North-East

2536. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether North-East M.Ps have decided to set up a Committee to formulate a feasible economic strategy for the area; and

(b) if so, the action proposed to develop the area and accede to their demands to counter the insurgency in the area?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) The Government have